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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON AMBASSADOR'S PRESS CLUB APPEARANCE

WISH TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT THAT CBS HONG KONG HAS
QUERIED EMBASSY ABOUT AFP REPORT ON AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE'S
COMMENTS AT LOCAL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 11.
CBS MOST ANXIOUS TO READ MORE INTO ANSWER TO AFP QUESTION
THAN WAS INTENDED AND MORE THAN REPORTER PRESENT AT
SESSION DID. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF RELEVANT Q & A:
QUESTION: PILLAI OF AFP. (NOT CLEAR) WILL THE U.S., AS
IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED IN THE MEDIA RECENTLY, SUPPLY
SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO CHINA? ANSWER: WELL, IF THE
CHINESE ASK US, WE WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER VERY CAREFULLY.
MY FEELING IS QUITE FRANKLY THE CHINESE ARE VERY STRONG ON
SELF-SUFFICIENCY. AND THE LIKELIHOOD IS NOT RPT NOT VERY GREAT
THAT THE CHINESE WOULD COME TO US AND ASK TO PURCHASE
SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS. THEY TRY TO DO EVERYTHING ON THEIR
OWN. IN THEIR NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT, IN THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF THEIR AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, THE OTHER
APPURTENANCES OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, THE CHINESE ABOVE
ALL HAVE TRIED TO BE INDEPENDENT OF OUTSIDE INFLUENCES
IN NATIONAL DEFENSE. BUT IF THE CHINESE WERE TO COME
TO US, I'VE NO DOUBT BUT THAT WE WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER
THE MATTER VERY CAREFULLY. BUT WHAT THE ANSWER WOULD
BE, AGAIN I DON'T KNOW.

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